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Residents praise plans for new recreation center

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Now that the residents of Romulus know they're getting a recreation center, it's just a matter of deciding what goes in it.

Last Tuesday the community had an opportunity to voice their opinion at a public workshop. Anyone, young or old, who wanted to had a chance to express what they might like to see in the new facility was invited to speak to city officials about the new center.

"If we're going to do it, let's do it right," was the motif that strung together all of the participants' comments. The bottom line, however, was excitement.

Comments such as: "It's about time" and "It's long overdue," were repeated throughout the evening.

Many residents said they were unhappy they have to

go outside of the community and buy memberships at other recreation centers in places like Southgate, Wayne or Canton Township.

Several speakers wanted to see something comparable—if not better—right in their own back yard.

"I'm glad we're looking at something like this in Romulus because I'm tired of having to drive to other places," said Tom Roger, a Romulus resident who is a member at Lifetime Fitness in Canton and the Southgate Recreation Center.

The conceptual plans already call for a fitness/weight training area, an aquatics area with lap and leisure pools, meeting rooms and a banquet facility and basketball courts. An ice-skating rink with warming stations in colder months and in-line skating in warmer months, Little League baseball fields along with a concession stand were the initial plans for the outdoor area.

Suggestions from the audience included some new

ideas such as game rooms for cards, bingo and billiards, an indoor running/walking track, a steam room or sauna, Jacuzzis, daycare programs, family locker rooms, indoor tennis courts, miniature golf, racquetball courts and a fitness shop.

One parent expressed the need to offer healthier food choices to children at the concession area. There was a repeated request for daycare during the hours of operation as well as a banquet room facility, too. Many also expressed the need for more programs for seniors and the physically challenged.

Others were concerned that their children, now, have to look outside of the community to find sport leagues. Several others supported this and suggested that there be an area for soccer, football and baseball.

"We have a lot of kids in the community that are play-

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Rites of spring

Romulus residents celebrated Easter with several events ranging from the lighthearted like the annual Easter Egg Hunt (above) on Saturday where Mayor Alan Lambert joined Romulus families for the fun to the more religious centered Good Friday March (right). Romulus ministers and residents marched from the Romulus Historical Park to the Wesleyan Church at Five Points for a community service. Each year, the participants take turns carrying a symbolic cross. The community service is conducted by the Romulus Ministerial Alliance.



Romulus residents win 2 new room is in 'Marvelous Makeover' TV program

Jonah Magar
Staff Writer

Romulus resident Jamie Lewis looked over her kitchen and living room and tried to articulate her good fortune. The two rooms were completely renovated recently, through a \$33,000 'Marvelous Makeover' partnership through MidWest Financial Credit Union and Alpha Remodeling.

"I don't even have words to describe it," Lewis said, "I feel like Cinderella."

The whole renovation process took about six or seven weeks, but Lewis said that it never became annoying to have "new roommates."

"My bedroom became the kitchen for a while," Lewis said. "It was a great excuse to eat out

every day."

The remodeling project has been taped at intervals, and will air as a half-hour program on PAX television at 9:30 a.m. on April 9, 16, 23, and 30.

"My kids and I started playing this game where every day we would come home and go, 'OK, what's new?'"

Lewis' children, 11 and 14, love their home's new look. "They're always telling people to come over to see it," Lewis said.

"It looks fabulous!" said Donna Pfiester from Alpha Remodeling.

Approached by MidWest, Alpha agreed to take on the project because they like to be involved in giving back to the community, according to

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Jamie Lewis (center) and her family are the recipients of the MidWest Financial Credit Union and Alpha Remodeling Marvelous Makeover.

Art smart

Community connection is goal of middle school teacher

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Being the only art teacher at South Middle School is a big job in itself, but Brie Stosick has even bigger ideas.

Art that builds community is a program she has embraced in an attempt to bring art out of the classroom and into the area.

Stosick said the small idea has grown into a larger foundation of providing a launching pad for community connection and better thinking skills.

"We want people to know that a community of art exists here at the school," she said. "Art means belonging to a bigger community because of the way we think and process art. It's unfortunate that we don't have more manpower for the program because we could be doing so much more."

But what they are doing—integrating art into core subjects while getting the community involved—seems to be a work in progress. The program advances along with technology, she said.

"We may not be able to fly everyone to Russia, or have a famous artist come to us, so we do the things that technology allows us to do. The Internet has been a great resource in reaching the

community beyond our city and even our country," said Stosick. "It gives the students the opportunity to be globally aware and culturally savvy. It is similar to the process of integrating with, let's say, a social studies teacher who is teaching about Asia. Students not only grasp the material in social studies or art more effectively, but also the climate, both political and functional that art gets created around."

Stosick said the art program increases students' ability to grasp concepts because they have the opportunity to stretch their thinking skills: how they think, create and connect information.

One example, she said, is advanced art student Austin Brady who plans to do a documentary on Gallery 555 in Detroit.

"He has benefited from his involvement in art in many ways. He's been inspired and inspiring to his art teacher, as well as his friends and family," said Brady's mother, Mary Thomas. "Not only has he gained self-confidence and a feeling of achievement, but a sense of community too. In producing a documentary on the artists of 555 studio, he has also learned the rewards that come from being an artist. I feel art has done wonderful things for him."



Students Shadonna Lewis, Jack Columna, Rachel Heck, John Curtis, Jennifer Smith, Julie Genord, Alex Juchartz, Megan Zander, Ariel Bergeson and R.C. Brawley show off their artwork made in Brie Stosick's class.

"A work of art can be so revealing to the process of a student's growing sense of identity, but I think even beyond that, it is so meaningful to how that fits into the large picture of where students fit in the society," added Stosick. "It is of course always changing and always being modified based on the individualization allowed through the natural role art provides for self-expression."

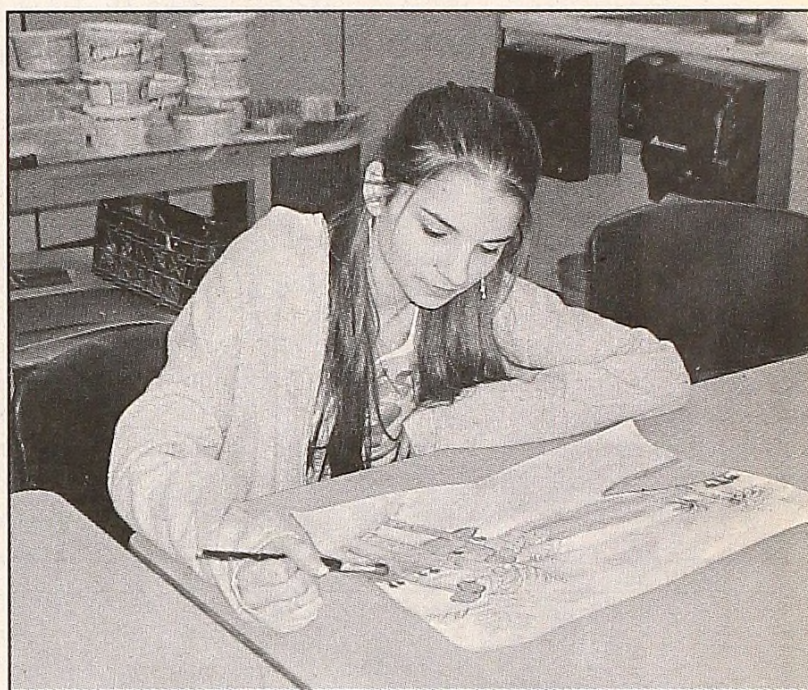
Overall student response on the South Middle School art program is overwhelming:

"She does things in class that we wouldn't normally be able to do like animal drawings, letter initial projects, things like that," said Scorpio Thompson.

"Ms. Stosick makes every art project unique and different. I definitely plan on moving on with art," said Brianna Kilyanek.

Stosick said that a strong art program is measured by the response.

"Whenever my students' work



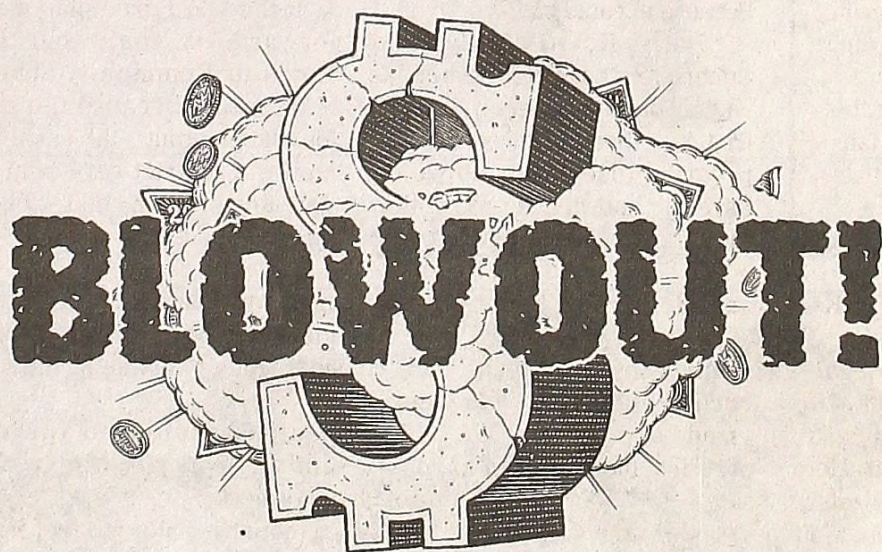
South Middle School students are working to incorporate art into core subjects while also getting the community involved.

is seen in the community, the feedback has been extremely positive," she said. "We have an enormous responsibility and venue to reach out through the visual fine arts to other subject areas and

enhance the students' understanding of the interrelatedness of these areas. Art does that for my students. We are making real world connections to their future here."



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Fire department initiates new programs for seniors

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Fire Department recently started three new programs for homeowners and senior citizens.

They are offering a limited number of free smoke detectors to eligible homeowners as part of the Fire Prevention and Education Program.

"We are targeting this program to low-income families and senior citizens in Romulus who need smoke detectors but may not be able to afford them," said Mayor Alan Lambert.

The smoke detectors have a 10-year lithium battery so residents don't have to worry about changing batteries.

"Most smoke detectors have a life of approximately 10 years," Fire Chief David Allison said. "It's very important for residents to keep their smoke detectors in working order."

In nearly 80 percent of all serious house fires, a non-working smoke detector is present, Allison said. That means the smoke detector was either disconnected on purpose or the owner forgot to change the battery.

Residents who wish to apply for the free smoke detector can pick up an application at Fire Station No. 4 located at 28777 Eureka, The Romulus Senior Center at 36515 Bibbins or Lambert's office located at 11111 Wayne Road.

The fire department has also started the "File of Life"

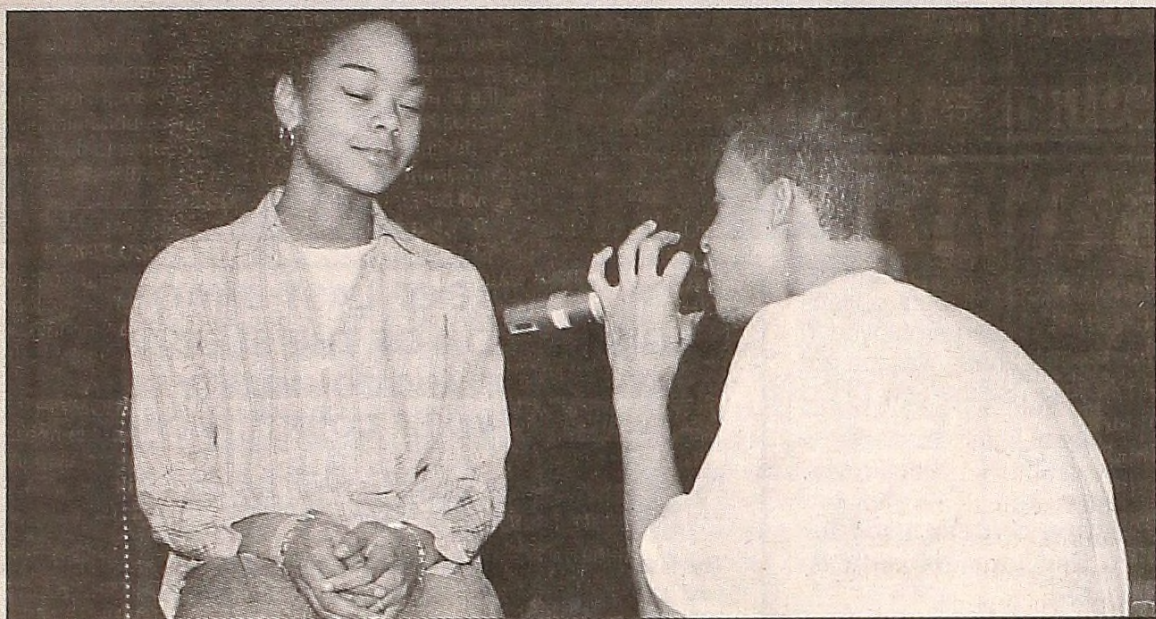
program for Romulus senior citizens.

The "File of Life" is a red magnetic envelope placed on the refrigerator. The envelope can be used to hold important medical information about the senior citizen(s) who live in the house.

Allison said the program could be very useful in medical emergencies.

The "File of Life" can be purchased for \$1. For more information on the program call the Romulus Senior Center at (734) 955-4120 or the Romulus Fire Department at (734) 941-8585.

Low-income senior citizens can also qualify for a carbon-monoxide monitor. Forms are available at the senior center or Fire Station No. 4.



Rising Rhythm and Blues/pop star known only as Darryl (right) performed at Romulus High School last Wednesday where he serenaded unsuspecting senior Paris Hawkins.

Pop star, Darryl, performs at Romulus

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Students at Romulus High School received a special treat before they headed off to spring break last week. They took in a special performance from the rising Rhythm and Blues pop star known simply as Darryl last Wednesday in the school auditorium.

Darryl recently signed with Greene Sports & Entertainment, LTD., owned by Inkster resident Darryl Greene.

"This kid can really perform," said Greene. "He's a really good kid and has a really good message, very positive."

Born Darryl Wheeler, the 17-year-old grew up in Tennessee with his already-superstar step-brother, Usher. The environment he grew up in encouraged creativity—his father started the popular pop group NuBeginning and helped transform Usher into the mega success he is today.

Now it could be his turn.

The soft-spoken teen star performs with a smooth mix of jazz, Rhythm and Blues and pop, which he uses to spread a positive message about keeping your heart honest and your mind focused. "Because a positive attitude is not only the key to happiness, but the path to

survival in the increasingly turbulent world," he said on his website, www.comclean.us.

Darryl not only gave away autographed posters of himself before, during and after the performances, he also awarded some lucky fans with tickets to the opening Pros' game scheduled for 2 p.m. April 10 at Romulus High School (See story on page 10).

Darryl will perform at the inaugural event and may even sing the National Anthem, according to Greene.

He said more posters of the artist would be available to fans free with the purchase of a ticket.

Parents question schools alternative learning program

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Concerned parents in the Van Buren Public School district spoke out during a recent school board meeting scheduled to discuss a possible alternative education facility.

Their concern was the closure of Elwell Elementary School to house the program.

"You can't but expect that from people who love their school," said Paul Henning, spokesperson for the district.

Even so, school officials said that the need for Belleville to have an alternative education program is there. The district currently sends about 100 students to a similar program in Romulus.

"Even though we send that many students now to Romulus, we still have the need for more spots. We have more students than that to service for the program," said Henning. "We have the numbers to support our own program and this way we would also be able to broaden it on our own. The students would definitely benefit in our program, because it would be local."

"Both Kevin Kelly and Superintendent Pete Lazaroff, as well as other teachers in the district, have been involved with the program elsewhere, so we do have the knowledge base within the district," Henning added. "Mr.

Lazaroff had a program in Bay City, his previous job, which is why we could start our own quality program here."

But with continuing financial struggles, the question becomes: will the district be able to afford the program? Administrators said they feel confident that if they start their own, they will have enough resources to have a high quality program by the 2005-2006 school year. Nick Armelagos, director of business, said that once school officials finalize the location of the program, the financial information would follow.

"This (alternative education program) would not be a money-making issue, it's a need-based issue," added Henning.

The Romulus alternative program educates about 200 students per year. Of those students, about half live in other districts and attend the program through the statewide Schools of Choice initiative. A large number of those students are from the Van Buren district, according to Romulus Schools Superintendent Joel Carr.

If the Van Buren plan moves forward, it could cut into Romulus Community Schools bottom line because the state foundation grant—the amount of money a district gets from the state to educate a child—follows the student.

Makeover

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Pfister.

"(Alpha president) Alan Lutes is not opposed to trying new things. He's on the cutting edge, so to speak," said Pfister.

As a credit union, MidWest is already

dedicated to service on a nonprofit basis.

"It's about people helping people," said MidWest Marketing Communications Director Lora Bingham. "We're continuously looking for new ways to help, (especially) in a less run-of-the-mill fashion."

The Marvelous Makeover was a first-time event for both sponsors.

"We could not have chosen a better partner than Alpha for this project," stat-

ed Larry Knoll, president and CEO of MidWest.

Although Lewis only won a one-room remodel, Alpha learned about some of her recent struggles, and approached the subcontractors to offer her more, according to Pfister.

"People found a good source to donate to in this project," Pfister said, "They were very willing to help."

There aren't any plans of this nature on the calendar for next year, but MidWest may consider something like it, Bingham said.

Lewis said she enjoyed the new rooms—and the way she was treated through the project.

"Every company made me feel like a million-dollar customer," she said, "It was a wonderful blessing to be a part of."

Center

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ing elsewhere that probably should be playing here," said Jerome Frayer. "I think, provided with the right equipment and right facility, we can get those kids back."

Many residents said it would be better to offer an area for inline skating, skateboarding and BMX bikes rather than the expensive upkeep of an ice rink.

Although nothing was decided last

week, city officials and the architects of the program were able to get a good sense of what the public is looking for in the new complex.

"When you look at it, you always have to look outside of the box when you're looking at a facility and what else it will be used for," said Jim Pengelli from JRV Management, a recreation management facility, who moderated the workshop.

The complex will contain somewhere between 60,000 and 80,000 square feet at the corner of Wayne and Northline roads.

The best part about the project is that it won't cost the residents money to build.

Mayor Alan Lambert said that, by utilizing the TIFA, Tax Increment Financial Authority, the people of Romulus would be able to enjoy the new recreation center with no increase in taxes.

The next step is to package all the information from the meeting and from more than 2000 surveys that were filled out by several groups around the city and analyze the costs involved, according to Tim Keyes, the economic development director for Romulus.

"This really exciting for the City of Romulus," he said. "This is something that this community needed and it will

be bigger and better than anyone had anticipated."

Clarification

The article "11 candidates to vie for city council seats," in the March 17 edition of *The Romulus Roman*, contained a misprint. One of the five city council challengers was misidentified as Harvey Crout. His name is Harry Crout. We regret the error and any inconvenience it has caused.

Main Street in Visteon Village offers new services

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Visteon Village in Van Buren Township may have opened last year, but construction continues to bring more amenities for both employees and visitors.

Soon, the corporate headquarters will be complete, with a "Main Street" which will include a beauty salon, a convenience store, a restaurant and a fitness center.

Pedestrian sidewalks, walkways, benches and trees will also line Main Street, giving the village an urban-loft like feel, according to the organization. One Village Center is located in the middle of the village and overlooks a 37-acre lake. It will also have a boardwalk and nature trails.

According to Melinda Czarnecki, Visteon corporate communications specialist, the amenities will open in stages starting with the fitness center on April 11.

"We're still working on areas and planning the amenities. After the fitness center, the convenience store will be next," she said.

Visteon also wanted to keep the environment in mind, they said, which is why they incorporated a 37-acre man-made lake, which will not only be used as an attraction, but also as the vil-

lage's cooling system. Adding to the effect, nature trails, wetland areas and 5,000 trees were added to the area.

Czarnecki said there is no estimate as to when the salon and restaurant will be complete, but she did say the nature trails are nearly done.

One feature already in operation a Dearborn Federal Credit Union (DFCU) branch. The full-service branch offers members traditional financial business operations, such as checking accounts and personal loans, as well as assistance with a mortgage professional or in planning for retirement and education expenses.

"We are pleased to provide personalized financial services for Visteon employees in the convenience of their workplace," said Mark Shobe, financial president and CEO. "We also welcome new members who live and work in the Van Buren Township and Belleville area."

Visteon Corp. began to move employees into its new \$300 million home at the 265-acre site east of I-275 and south of Ecorse Road last August. It now houses customer business groups, product line teams, corporate relations, a design center and other enhancements. It also includes six customer innovation centers, used to conduct general business, as well as three product



Tina Storer (left) explains the different checking account options available to Visteon employee Yi Zhang (right). Zhang was the first employee to visit the new DFCU branch.

innovation centers, used for design, development and customer sales.

"The impact of the move has been positive," said Czarnecki. "Opening the new village has enabled us to have more face-to-face collaborations with each other."

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Please take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

The last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at the regular school election to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 is Monday, April 4, 2005. Persons registering after 4:00 in the evening on Monday, April 4, 2005 are not eligible to vote at the regular school election.

TERRI BENNETT Canton Township	JUDI DUDZINSKI Clerk Dearborn Heights Clerk	JACQUELYN BEAUDRY Inkster City Clerk
LINDA CHOATE Romulus City Clerk	MARY CARNEY Wayne City Clerk	EILEEN DeHART Westland City Clerk

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Lakefront homeowners to meet

The Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) and Van Buren Township are teaming up for a workshop designed especially for lakefront homeowners.

The workshop—Living on the Edge—will feature local experts sharing information on local water quality and management, environmentally friendly lawn care, landscaping and native plants and shoreline protection. It will provide practical, local information about sound and responsible shoreline management practices that can benefit the homeowner and the water quality of both Belleville and

Ford lakes.

The cost for the workshop is \$10 per household if pre-registered, or \$15 at the door. It includes a copy of the 175-page manual, *Lakescaping for Wildlife and Water Quality*, published by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on April 2 at township hall located at 46428 Tyler Road. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, or to pre-register, contact Jo Latimore at 734-769-5971, or email at jlatimore@hrwc.org

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V125-83-139-99-0012-000, also known as 16611 Martinsville Road. The property is located on the east side of Martinsville Road, between Fret and Bemis Roads.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren AG (Agricultural) Zoning District. The applicants, Thomas and Diana Cunningham, are requesting a variance to the Township's Lot Split Ordinance, Section 78-168 to permit the creation of 2 non-conforming parcels of land.

The applicant is requesting a variance to:

SECTION 78-168 LOT SPLIT ORDINANCE

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Romulus Community Schools NOTICE

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005.

To the qualified Electors of the Romulus Community School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that, in conformity with the "Michigan Election Laws," I, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day EXCEPT Sunday, a legal holiday, and the day of any regular or special election, shall receive for registration the name of any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the CLOSE of Registration for the Annual School Election and the day of such election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that voter registrations will be taken at any Secretary of State branch office or, in the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 between the hours of:

Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Monday, April 4, 2005 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTERING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the Romulus Community School District, at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution, if remaking such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered in the registration book.

The following vacancies for member of the Board of Education will be voted upon in the Romulus Community School District:

TWO (2) FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Romulus Community Schools, County of Wayne, Michigan.

Linda Choate CMC,
City Clerk of Romulus, Michigan

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An Irish treat

Students at South Middle School invited 25 senior citizens last week from the September Days Senior Center in Van Buren Township as part of their lesson on good nutrition and Irish cuisine. During the four weeks of class, students learned about food groups, healthy and unhealthy foods, as well as the flag, geography, history, schools and myths of Ireland. The students then put their lessons to work cooking lunch for the seniors. About 20 students spent two days making preparations for their guests. Kieran Savage, Irish chef from the Dearborn Inn, also helped by baking loaves of Irish soda bread for the group while the students prepared Irish stew, salad, coffee and Irish apple pie. "The kids really worked hard on this project," said student teacher Debbie Gerst. "Everybody had a great time. In fact, the seniors invited us to the senior center so they could cook for us to give back what we gave to them. It's wonderful to see the generation gap filled with mutual respect and caring for one another." According to teacher Carey Goetz, the program was funded by a grant that requires community involvement, developing independent daily living skills and preparation of several meals. "I'm proud of our teachers and the high quality of services they provide our kids and I am happy to see the community involved in our programs," said Sharon Dusney, supervisor of special services. "We are fortunate to have this grant to fund programs as positive and productive as this. We are planning two more luncheons between now and the end of the school year."



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The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V125-83-017-99-0014-702, also known as Contractor's Steel Company. This property is located on the south side of Schooner Drive, between Denton Road and Beck Road.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren M-2 (General Industrial) Zoning District. The applicant, DeMattia & Associates, is requesting a 10 foot 7 inch height variance to permit construction of a building addition with a total height of 53 feet 7 inches.

The applicant is requesting the following:

ARTICLE XVII SECTION 17.02 SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS, BUILDING HEIGHT, M-2, General Industrial

- 40 foot building height allowed, with 1 additional foot of height permitted for each additional foot of building setback provided in each yard
- *A 53 feet 7 inch building height is proposed*
- *3 feet of additional rear yard setback is proposed, therefore, the maximum permitted building height is 43 feet, 7 inches.*
- *10 foot 7 inch building height variance is required*

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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OBITUARIES

JOHNSON, Amos Sr.

Amos Johnson, Sr., 78, of Belleville, died March 22.

Among his survivors are his wife, Sarah F. (Ellenburg) Owen Johnson; children, Franklin (Linda) Stout, Amos (Debbie) Johnson, Jr., and Deborah (Danny) Williams, all of Belleville; stepchildren, Vickie (Tony) White of Manchester, Lynn (Dinae) Owen of Lansing, Faye (Darrel) Sutfin and Diana (Dennis) Bruck, all of Maybee; brothers, Andy (Ordell) Johnson of Kentucky, Carl (Phyllis) Johnson of Florida, Charles (Gayle) Johnson of Kentucky, Homer Johnson of Ohio and Vernon (Peggy Sue) Johnson of Kentucky; sisters, Hazel White of Kentucky, Helen (Charles) Sloan of Kentucky and Opal Mullin, also of Kentucky; four grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; 24 step-great-grandchildren and a step-great-great-grandchild.

Mr. Johnson served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Myrtle Lodge 89 F and A. M.; the Kentucky Colonel Club, the Shrine club and a past-president of the Belleville Lions.

He was a Deacon at Faith Assembly Church.

Mr. Johnson was the former owner of

G. & A. Used Cars in Belleville.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Clarence Hayes officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

KLEIN, Thomas

Thomas M. Klein, 58, of Belleville, died March 25.

Among his survivors are his mother, Florence K. (Lambert) Klein; daughters, Shelly Marie (Ronald) Williams of Belleville, Audrey Lee Selvia of Westland, Maggie Louise (Scott) Gilbert of Wayne and Tonya Lynn Klein of Belleville; brothers, Anthony D. (Mary) Klein of Clinton Township, Charles R. (Judy) Klein of Milford, Patrick L. (Patricia) Klein of Fowlerville and Michael W. (Kim) Klein of Westland, and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Klein was a past commander of VFW Post 5061. He served in the U.S. Air Force, earning the rank of sergeant.

Funeral services were at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating.

Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home.

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR ELECTION - TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS & LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

To the Qualified Electors of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN- WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Monday, April 4, 2005 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

At the township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.

At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.

At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and for warding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

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OPINION

No time for secrets

The Michigan legislature will soon take steps to cast more light on some mysterious expenses everyone has to pay.

The legislature will visit or revisit two issues when they return from spring break next week: the dramatic increase in fees associated with the Michigan Catastrophic Claims – fees charged to every insured driver to cover the cost of claims that exceed \$250,000 – and the rates imposed by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD).

The issues are drastically different, but they contain a few similarities, most notably that nobody can figure out exactly how they are set. The legislature hopes to solve those mysteries and change the way their respective boards are made up to ensure that regular folks like us have a say, albeit most likely a minor one, in the way the rates we pay are determined.

How successful they'll be is another question. State Sen. Laura Toy (R-Livonia) attempted to get more answers from the DWSD in legislation she sponsored about two years ago. That legislation made it through both houses but was eventually vetoed by the governor. She's essentially re-introducing the legislation, with a few minor modifications, which would create a suburban water authority and gain suburban customers a voice on the board.

The insurance issue will be just as complicated and probably fought by the insurance industry. State Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) is one of the legislators behind the push to expand the MCCA, which is currently made up of only five people – all insurance company executives.

These things are both important because they have the potential to impact the wallet of each and every one of us. Providing more public input – and public scrutiny – to these processes is a natural thing, or at least it seems so to us. Let's face it, nothing irritates the general public more than increased fees that seem to be arbitrarily thrown our way. If there's a reason for these dramatic increases, let's see it. It will help keep us from getting too angry and make the entire process better for all concerned.

If there's not, well...

The Michigan Press Association (MPA) sponsored something recently called 'Sunshine Week,' designed to pressure government to shed more light on its processes. These pieces of legislation will be a good start.

Not so obsolete, after all

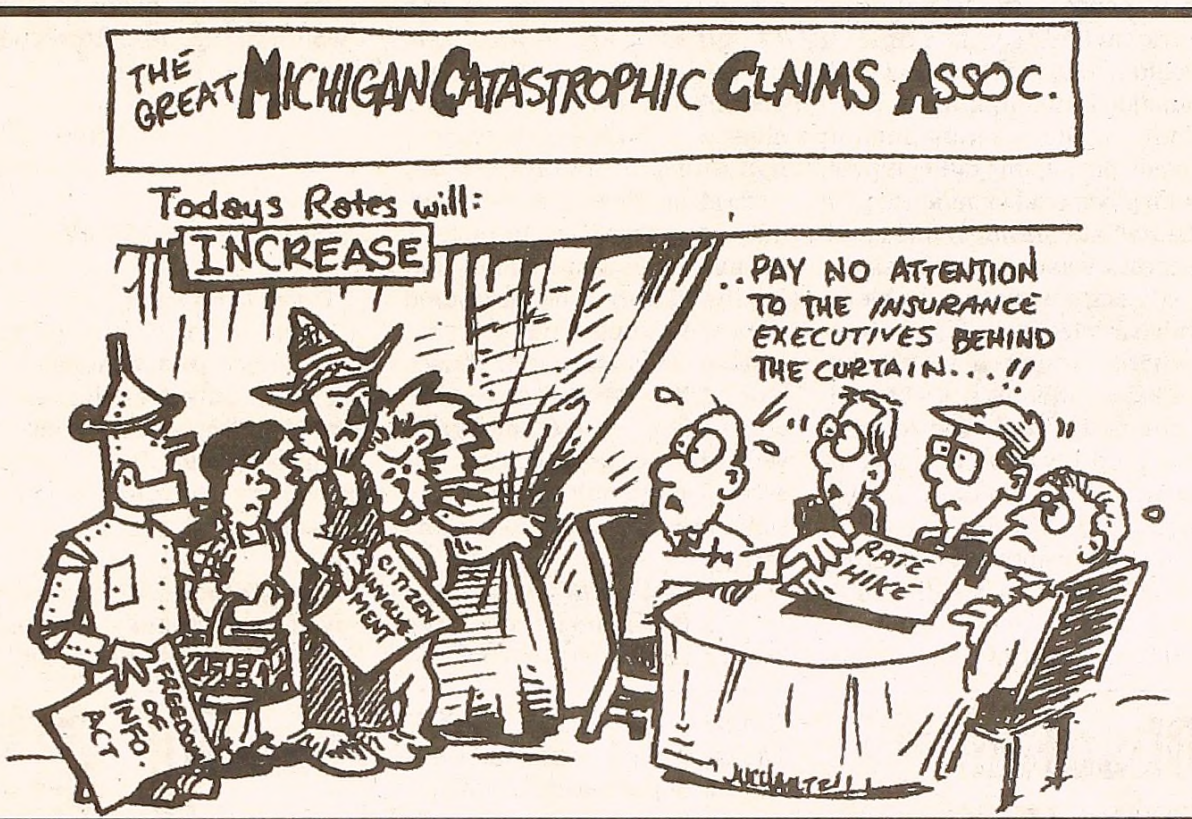
Legislation introduced last month to amend Public Act 146 of 2000, the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, is a step in the right direction.

Introduced by State Rep. Jeff Mayes (D-Bay City) it essentially opens the door for developers who want to expand and refurbish old, existing – i.e. 'obsolete' – buildings to receive the same type of tax credits for which new developments are eligible. There are requirements, of course, and they would have to conform to a similar formula new companies must adhere to when they request their tax abatements.

The amendments expand the types of facilities that fall under PA 146, allowing for developers who ant to take an existing building – be it commercial or residential – and add to it.

At a time when many municipalities are looking in instead of out, this makes perfect sense. It can give municipal leaders another tool with which to attract redevelopment in aging downtowns, which could be invaluable as many communities – like Wayne, Westland, even Plymouth – are looking to attract more residential developments in a relatively landlocked area.

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City wheels grind slowly

I have to admit, there are things about municipal government that will always make me scratch my head.

I will probably never understand why one project takes longer than another, why some things are quickly approved and others take months to go through the process – where the information to even make a decision can be hard to come by.

Most recently, it was a proposal from the Wayne 2020 Committee to bring decorative white streetlights and some trees to some areas in the downtown. It was something identified more than a year ago during the initial 'Cool Cities' brainstorming session – by virtually every subgroup that sat down at the meeting.

It seemed like a simple project, even back then, a subtle thing the city could take on to change the ambience of a relatively harsh-looking environment.

A year later, the committee is just finding out that it's "cost-prohibitive."

I was a bit skeptical of that, to be honest with you. I know they put the lights up in other downtown areas – Plymouth comes quickly to mind, and their Downtown Development Authority (DDA) doesn't have anywhere near the money Wayne does, with one of the largest automotive plants in the nation within its boundaries. The DDA would be the most likely funding source because it's essentially set up to use increases in taxable value to provide improvements within the district, which therefore further increases that value.

In any case, I couldn't see any reason why it would take that long to get an answer.

It's true that it is a new committee, having just completed their first year in action, and there have been some growing pains along the way as both they and the city administration have tried to determine what their role is as regards to promoting the improvements that both sides say they want to make.

It's also true that, with staffing reduced to a tight budget, every-

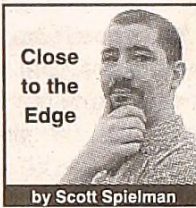
one in the city is working harder, covering more territory, with more responsibilities.

But still, a year?

Members of the committee didn't take such a blanket response as something carved in cement, though. They wanted to know how many trees the cost estimate covered, if there was a way to reduce the scope: how many trees can we afford? Can we afford one tree? Is there a different type of light that wouldn't cost as much and so on.

Who knows, maybe this issue will resurface and maybe some day we will see some soft white lights dispel some of the shadows along downtown streets. The committee may have to pass on that for the time being, though, given their push to bring an urban design studio to town and a plan to bring public outdoor murals to the city.

I just hope it doesn't take as long to get some background on their next ideas.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Anybody know how to use a siphon?

Since I'm in a profession where I'm in my truck a lot, I spend a lot of time—more than I want to, in fact—at the gas pump.

We all know gas prices are at borderline ridiculous levels right now, but I'm almost to a point where I'm thinking about siphoning gas out of other people's cars.

Don't judge me before you know the facts. If my tank was on E, it would cost me roughly \$7,500 to fill up. Well...it's not that much, but that's what it seems like.

I had the opportunity recently to talk with a spokesman from AAA, who shed some light on the subject.

He told me that the demand for fuel is increasing because the economy around the world is strong but that there isn't a surplus of fuel. He also said it's because we're inching toward the time of year where people tend to take more road trips, and that gas station owners hike up prices during certain times of the week, too.

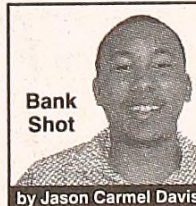
So because of more people making more money, I practically have to rob a bank before every trip I take to the gas station. Unbelievable!

Gas prices are even high in the most remote locations. On my way up to Central Michigan to visit a friend last weekend, the prices went from \$2.13, to \$2.17 all the way to \$2.25. I could understand it if I was driving through a bunch of metropolises, but I was driving to Mount Pleasant.

If I'm this upset about this, imagine how those poor people in California feel. Last time I checked, unleaded was about \$3

in the Golden State. I hate to sound like one of those old uncles who tells you how much times have changed, but do you know what \$3 could get you 30 years ago? My mom told me that in 1975, you could see a movie, get popcorn and a coke for less than \$3. That same year, gas was .63 cents across the state.

Why is it that whenever people begin to make more money, someone always finds a way to take more of it away? I know business owners have their livelihoods to think about, but what about those people who aren't making as much money? It seems like big business only takes into account a certain small percent-



Bank Shot

by Jason Carmel Davis

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LETTERS

Veterinary staff commended

To the editor;
I just feel compelled to write in response to the letters about Parkway Veterinary Clinic. I would like to point out that each situation is different, and it is difficult to focus on important details during this difficult time, but my personal experience with the staff at Parkway is one of the highest levels of professionalism. My dog was having problems with ear infections. After numerous visits to our local vet, and trying many different types of medications, I relied on a referral and tried Parkway in hopes of finally clearing up the infection. On the first visit, they took a culture of the ear, prescribed a different medication, and the infection was gone. I was hooked. This past summer, our pet

became ill. I called for an appointment and the examination discovered that he had cancer of the spleen. This was a pretty emotional thing to hear. The staff responded with true professionalism, outlined my options, and even performed a chest x-ray to see if the cancer had infected the lungs. They were clear. The vet recommended surgery to remove the spleen. He told us he would call us during the surgery if he discovered the cancer on the other organs and we could make a final decision. They offered us time to come in before the surgery to visit, which I accepted. This was a very emotional time, and the staff was very compassionate and caring. He called during surgery and told us the cancer was on the liver and kidneys, so we decided

to have him put to sleep. I feel that in my experience, everyone at Parkway exceeded the levels of professionalism, compassion, and understanding. I would not hesitate to recommend them to anyone.

Pat McNally,
Belleville

Alcohol screening available

To the editor;
In an effort to raise public awareness about the consequences of at-risk drinking and alcohol's effect on general health, Hegira Programs, Inc. is participating in National Alcohol Screening Day on Thursday, April 7. National Alcohol Screening Day is held annually as part of Alcohol Awareness Month, and is

a national, one-day outreach, education and screening event designed to educate and allow individuals to seek help in a non-threatening and easily accessible manner. As part of the screening, attendees will be able to complete a written questionnaire, watch a video, take educational materials and talk one-on-one with a health professional—for free. Referral resources for local treatment facilities and support services will be provided to those who seek further assistance.

Gail Duquette,
Hegira Programs, Inc.

(Editor's note: Hegira Programs is located at 8623 N. Wayne Road, Suite 200 in Westland. Phone (734) 458-4601 for more information.)

Obsolete

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It's a good step, but we'd like to see the program expanded even further. Currently the public act—along with the proposed amendment, House Bill (HB) 4109—only apply to certain distressed communities. Their residents must be below the state-wide median income in order for potential redevelopments to fall under any eligible category. But communities of all different types are attempting to attract this kind of real development—it's one of the

things that can make them 'cool.' The current economic climate is one that doesn't spare the upscale communities; they should be able to take part in the program, as well. It's true that any granted tax break means less money in local municipal and state coffers, but this is a time when communities are competing against each other to bring more development, more jobs and more people into their borders. We trust our local officials enough to decide which projects should get breaks in taxes. They should all at least have the chance.

Siphon

FROM PAGE 7

age of the population when they decide to raise the price of something. What am I supposed to do if gas prices keep going up, ride my 10-speed up 275 to Plymouth? I can see the health benefits that might have, but I'd also go into meetings smelling like I just left

the gym. I'm glad that more people are making more money. That makes things better for them and their families. But if I pull into a BP and see a three next to the unleaded sign, I'm gonna go 'Ron Artest' on that gas station attendant. In all honesty, there really is no way around this issue. I just needed to vent. Now I'm off to oil up the chain on my Huffy.

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Detroit Pros gear up for season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The up and coming R&B performing artist known as Darryl will perform at the International Basketball League (IBL) Detroit Pros' first home game at Romulus High School on Sunday, April 10.

Darryl, who grew up as R&B superstar Usher's little stepbrother, will perform at 2:00 p.m. before the Pros hit the court. He may sing the national anthem as well.

"It should be a good show to start things off with," said Darryl Greene, who represents Darryl and owns the Detroit Pros through his management company, Greene Sports & Entertainment, LTD. "It should be exciting for the kids."

It won't only be the kids that are excited. Greene said he is anxious to get the season going. He's been working steadily

toward opening night since December, when he bought the semi-pro franchise.

"I just want people to come out and have some fun and see a good quality basketball game," he said.

The games take place at Romulus High School but that doesn't mean spectators will see a high-school-quality game. As a certified NBA player agent, Greene will have some heavy hitters playing for the Pros. One of the premier players is former Inkster star Albert White. White was a 1995 McDonald's All American and Big 12 player of the year in 1998. He plays professionally in Korea.

Former John Glenn standout Guy Rucker will also be on the team. He spent his college days at the University of Iowa before he played with the L.A. Lakers and Golden State Warriors in the NBA.

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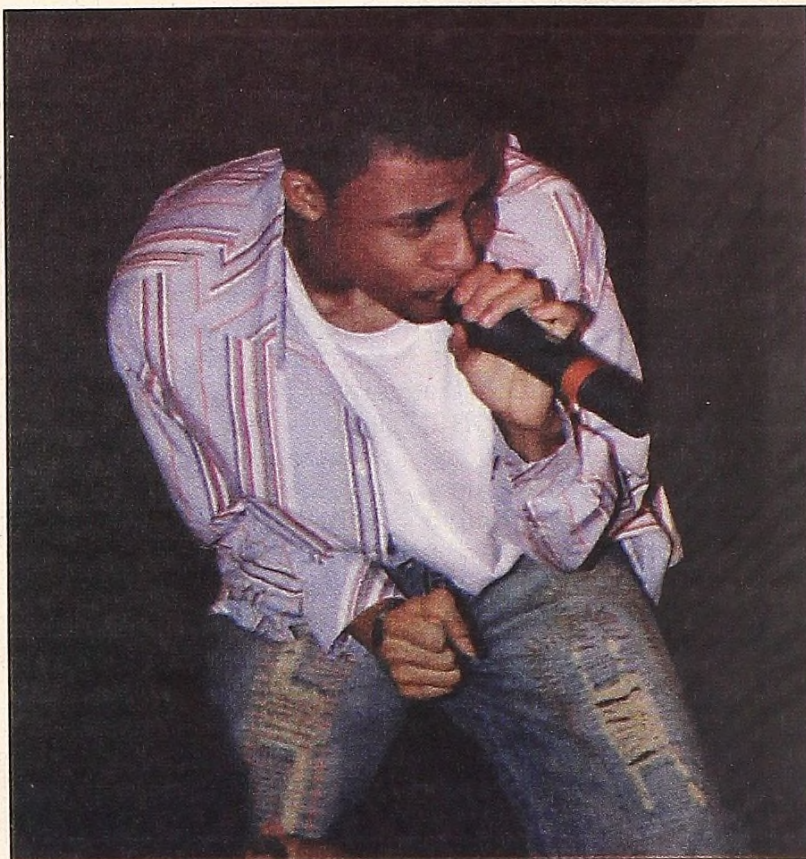
aware that this is going to be some serious basketball," said Greene, also from Inkster. "These guys are going to put on a show. When people go to the first game, they'll see what it's all about."

Fans will have a chance to win some great prizes, too, and posters will be available for Darryl fans with the purchase of a ticket.

Individual game prices are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 13 and under, and \$15 for floor seats.

Season tickets are also available. Tickets for 10 home games will cost \$55 for adults and \$30 for children ages 13 and under. Season floor seats will run \$100 per person. There are also special deals for family packs.

For more information visit www.DetroitPros.com. To purchase tickets contact Herb Buckley at the Romulus Recreation Center at: (734) 942-6852.



The up-and-coming Rhythm and Blues performer known only as Darryl is scheduled to perform at the Detroit Pros first home game at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 10th.

Northville Mustang football chosen for Big Day Prep Show Down event

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The cold weather is slowly dissipating, making way for sunshine, blooming flowers and green grass – all signs point out that it may be still too early to think about football season.

However, the Northville Mustang varsity football team received a big honor last week when they were chosen to be a

part of the Big Day Prep Showdown.

The new event, organized by Detroit Metro Sports Commission's (DMSC), will help kick off the season with a one-day showcase of high school football in Southeast Michigan.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27 at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

"The DMSC is excited to host

this exciting high school sporting event," said Dave Beachnau, executive director of the DMSC. "We expect the Big Day Prep Showdown will attract 20,000 fans for a full day of the thrill and emotion of high school football as eight teams begin their quest for a state championship."

Northville not only gets a chance to participate in the inaugural event, they get to play the very first scheduled game.

The 'Stangs are scheduled to play the Saline Hornets at noon. Northville, led by head coach Clint Alexander, went 7-3 (4-1 in the Western division) last year with their wide-open offense. Saline finished 5-4 last year.

Other games include a downriver showdown, Allen Park vs. Trenton, scheduled for a 2:30 start, followed by Lake Orion against Troy at 5:00 p.m. Novi will take on Chelsea at 7:30 p.m.

Fans of all ages will be able to enjoy the Spirit Airlines Fan Zone, an interactive area with football-themed action.

Tickets for the Big Day Prep Showdown are available at all participating schools. Advanced tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for students; children aged six and under are free. All game-day tickets are \$10 at the gate. For more information, call (313) 202-1800 or visit www.bigdayprepshowdown.com.

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Around the field

New women's softball league
The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be running a new Women's Slow Pitch league this spring/summer 2005. All games will be played at Don Massey Field on Wednesday Nights. Registration is currently being taken for all teams. The season tentatively begins the week of May 4.

Register for men's softball league
The recreation department will also run a Men's Slow Pitch league this spring/summer as well. Games will also be played at Don Massey Field. Returning teams can register now and new teams can register starting on April 1. The season is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of May 5.
For more information on either program contact the City of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620 ext. 302 or go to the City of Plymouth web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Westland softball
The Dad's Athletic Club of Westland will be accept-

The fee is \$20 per children or \$40 per family, which includes the cost of team shirts, trophies, an all-star game and a family picnic at the end of the season.

ing softball registrations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the first three Saturdays in April.
Registration will take place at The Dorsey Center, located at 32715 Dorsey Road near the corner of Venoy Road.
The fee is \$20 per children or \$40 per family, which includes the cost of team shirts, trophies, an all-star game and a family picnic at the end of the season.
All games will be played at Adams Middle School. The season starts on May 2 and runs through July.
For more information call Sandy at (734) 722-8442

or Bud at (734) 595-2951.

Opening days for prep baseball
The Wayne Zebras open up against Catholic Central in a doubleheader starting at noon on this Saturday.
Canton hosts Divine Child in a doubleheader starting at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 4.
The Northville Mustangs will host South Lyon High School at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6.
The Plymouth Wildcats will host their first-ever varsity opening day when they take on Ypsilanti Lincoln in a doubleheader starting at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 7.
The John Glenn Rockets' home opener is a doubleheader against Farmington High School set to start at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.
Monday, April 11 marks opening day for Romulus Head Coach Damien Hull and his Eagles. They will host Annapolis at 4:00 p.m.
The Salem Rocks host Adrian in a doubleheader starting at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12.

Whalers

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from the right point with about 25 seconds left. But nobody could bang home the rebound during the scramble in front of the net.
The series continued on Tuesday in Owen Sound but the

results were unavailable at press time. Game 4 is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Compuware Sports Arena.
Whalers shatter single-season attendance record at Compuware
The young Plymouth Whalers may have struggled at times this season, but they didn't have a problem setting a new single-season attendance record since they

moved to Plymouth in 1996.
Plymouth recorded 12 sellout games, which helped drive the attendance this season to 109,699 fans in 34 regular-season home game—an average of 3,324 per game. The previous high was set in 2002-2003, when they drew in 108,051 fans over 34 home dates.
"It's exciting for our players," said Mike Vellucci, Plymouth's

President, general manager and head coach. "Our kids look around during the National Anthem and say, 'Wow look—it's sold out again tonight.' They definitely get fired up."
Although the NHL strike may have contributed to the increase in attendance, that's not the sole reason for the Whalers' spike in spectators, according to Vellucci.

"Our attendance is up in part because we had a better schedule this year with fewer Friday night home games in the fall," he said. "We've done a better job with our group sales, marketing and public relations. Our entire front office staff has done an outstanding job in getting the word out. We've just done an overall better job."

Soccer

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champs this year. They brought up leading junior varsity scorer Sarah Comai along with team-

mates Julie Raymond and Anne Schubert. They also added junior varsity captain Kate Hawthorne and their best defensive player, Amanda Harkness.
There's never an easy schedule when you're playing in the Western Lakes, but Meteyer said

he is happy with Northville's. They get to play all of their tough games at home this year. They host South Lyon and Novi in their first two contests and will welcome rival teams such as Canton, Stevenson and Troy Athens to Northville turf.

"The only disappointment is we didn't get selected to host districts this year," Meteyer said. "That might make things a little more difficult."
He said he might add extra incentive to win again this year. Last year he told the girls that if

they won the state championship he would let them shave off his beard – a facial feature that he had for more than 20 years. They won and they stuck to the deal.
"I'm ready to get the season going," He said. "It's ours to win or lose."

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THE SCENE

miss Congeniality² *Armed and Fabulous* offers formulaic artificial charm

In *Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous*, many of the characters from the first movie are back—but that doesn't mean you'll necessarily like the way they've developed.

Take FBI agent Gracie Hart (Sandra Bullock), for instance. As an unintended consequence of her participation in a national beauty pageant, Hart's face is now instantly recognizable by the public, which prevents her from participating in the undercover investigative work she loves.

Frustrated and unhappy, Hart gets two options from her boss: harness her fame and popularity to help the bureau improve its image or get used to a career that is behind the scenes and chained to a desk. Faced with those options, Hart leaps into the role of figurehead with a vengeance. Gone is the special agent who clomped around in high heels with as much grace as a 2-year-old in her mother's shoes while threatening to hit anyone who steps out of line. In her place stands "FBI Barbie"—her appearance is immaculate, her manners perfect, and her foot-in-mouth syndrome cured. Though superficially perky and friendly, Hart now looks like one of the lost Stepford Wives—fake, plastic, and vaguely creepy. At this point, any hopes that the movie will bring back the spunky—if socially clueless—heroine of the first film begins to die a painful death.

And on it goes—a nonstop whirl of activity designed to highlight how well Hart has taken to her new role. From television visits with Regis Philbin to a highly successful book chronicling her adventures during the pageant, everything seems to be working out for Hart until two of her friends—pageant winner Cheryl Frazier (Heather

Burns) and pageant emcee Stan Fields (William Shatner)—are kidnapped. Hart is sent to the scene to act as the public relations liaison on the high profile case, and the local FBI supervisor (Treat Williams) is determined to make sure that she does nothing more. As far as he's concerned, 'real' agents will solve the case and she should keep her nose where it belongs—out of his jurisdiction.

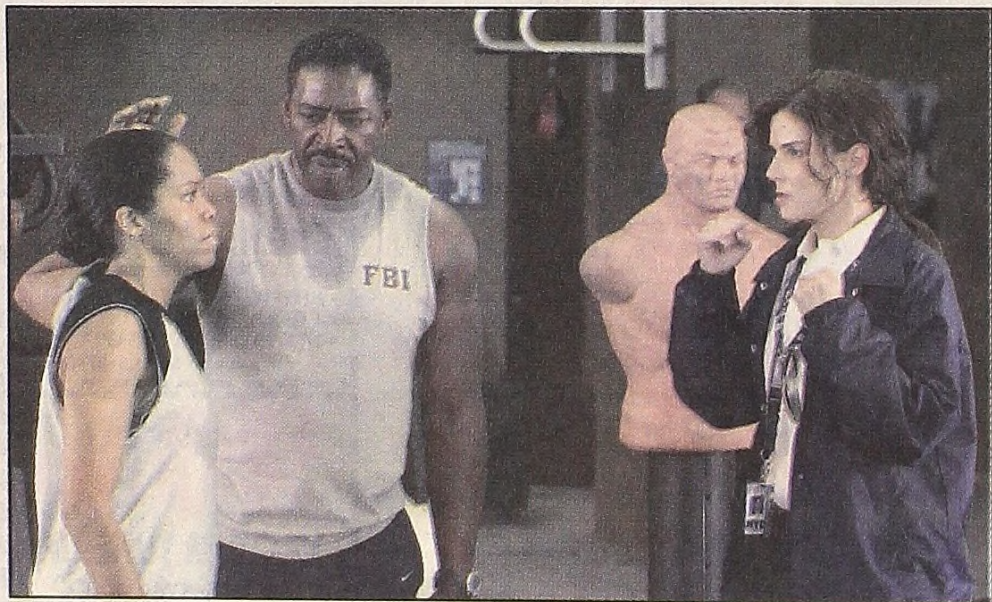
To add to her problems, Special Agent Sam Fuller (Regina King) is assigned to protect her from her adoring public. A strong woman with anger management issues and a tenuous grip on employment, Fuller needs to keep Hart safe if she wants to keep her job—but that doesn't mean she can't despise everything the figurehead stands for. And for Hart, Fuller is—big surprise here—strong reminder of her own past, since she possesses many of the quirks and rough edges that Hart herself had to file down in order to become the face of the FBI—quirks she tends to miss.

There is more to Hart than mascara and hair-spray, however, and years of training convince her that the search is headed in the wrong direction. Convincing everyone else is the hard part.

In the end, the film could be a fun night out—as long as you don't expect a variation on the first *Miss*

Congeniality movie. It offers a fair number of laughs, but its darker tone and more cutting humor make it less, well, congenial. Or, for that matter, original.

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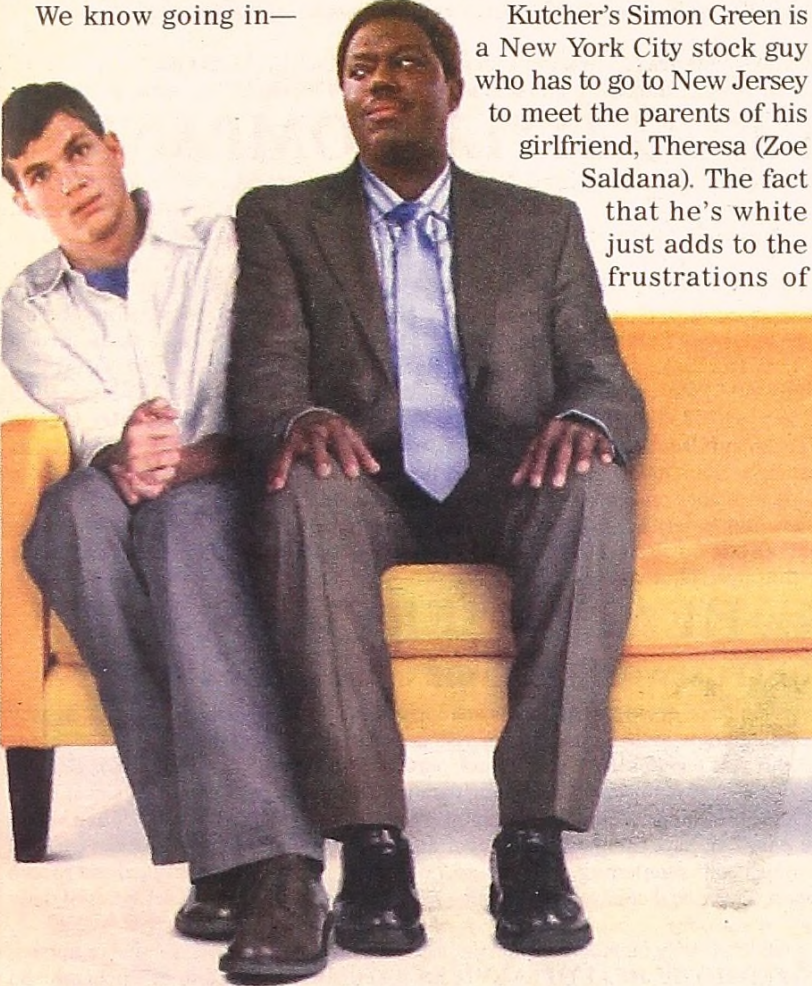


THE SCENE

Guess Who... and then try to figure out why

Guess Who is less of a role-reversing re-imagining of 1967's *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* than it is an addition to the list of recent movies that feature an eager suitor pitted against the object of his affection's grouchy father. Add race to the demanding father's list of disapprovals in movies like *Meet the Parents* and we have *Guess Who*.

We know going in—



after seeing Ashton Kutcher's name in the credits—that this isn't going to be a groundbreaking work dealing with American race relations, but *Guess Who* is spotted with poignant moments of racial exploration, though they are few and far between. Ultimately, the silly tone gives way to domestic rather than social satire.

Kutcher's Simon Green is a New York City stock guy who has to go to New Jersey to meet the parents of his girlfriend, Theresa (Zoe Saldana). The fact

that he's white just adds to the frustrations of

her father, Percy Jones, played by the inimitable Bernie Mac. No one, of course, is good enough for his little girl.

Like all good domestic comedies, weddings and proposals loom in the plot: Theresa's parents are renewing their vows for their 25th anniversary and Simon and Theresa plan on announcing their engagement. Mac's acceptance is crucial to Simon and the fact that he's white only seems to be a minor irritation amongst others—but the one audiences will find most obvious.

In a dinner scene with the family, Simon and Theresa's grandfa-

ther is the most memorable, an example of racial openness crossing the invisible line. Kutcher tells "black" jokes at the persistent urging of Mac. The first few poke fun at some minor cultural differences using clever word play and leave the whole table in hysterics. But Green finds out that poking around in racial humor is dangerous territory when one joke almost causes grandpa to lunge across the table and belt him. Later, Mac's character wonders if all white people do is sit around thinking up jokes about black people.

These types of moments are the most uncomfortable and the most engaging in the film. Unfortunately, though, the movie is more *Meet the Parents* filler than Chris Rock stand-up: Where is the new boyfriend going to sleep? How does curmudgeonly Dad deal with premarital sex? How in the world can men ever figure out women?

This battle of the sexes mentality is what finally brings Green and Jones together, not as a black and a white man, but just men. When they're respective females up and leave after arguments, the two men join in a common mission to get them back in typical romantic comedy fashion.

Bernie Mac shines, as usual. He is naturally funny no matter what he's doing and is no different in *Guess Who*. It's a wonder

Kutcher didn't completely kill the movie with his goofball antics; in fact, besides a few moments here and there, he and Mac were a decent pair.

Mostly, *Guess Who* is a movie to sit back and have fun with, even through the uncomfortable moments.

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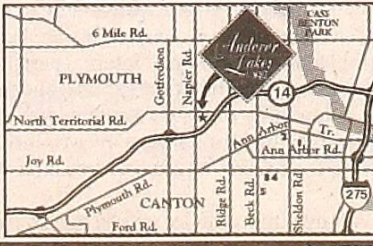
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Classic tale continues at historic Marquis Theatre

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Staff Writer

Peter Cottontail will hop out of the pages of the classic children's story and onto the stage at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville on his quest for fun, adventure—and a new name.

Performances of the show—a musical written and choreographed by director Ernie Nolan—began earlier this month. The family-friendly show follows the antics of the mischievous rabbit that disobeys his mother in his search for excitement only to face predicaments that help him grow up. Ultimately, Peter learns to understand the importance of listening to his mother and of staying true to himself.

"We've had a great turnout so far," said Christina Zayti, techni-

cal director for the theater. "It's amazing how many people have attended."

"It's very interactive with the audience—kids love it," said Zayti.

Adults will enjoy the music as well, she said, since much of it includes older songs that they already know.

Peter Cottontail will be performed at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from now until May 1. There will also be special weekday performances at 2:30 p.m. today and tomorrow. Tickets for all performances are \$7.50 each. No children younger than 3 will be admitted.

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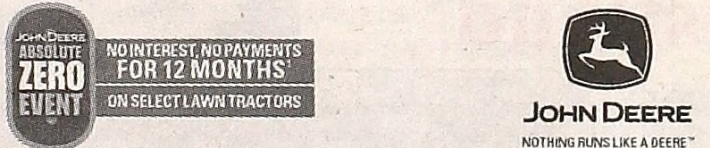
To be present while transmission or other components are being removed from the vehicle; Watch while transmission or other components are disassembled for inspection of internal parts; If you are not knowledgeable, you may have someone who is; and You may watch while your transmission or other components are being custom rebuilt.

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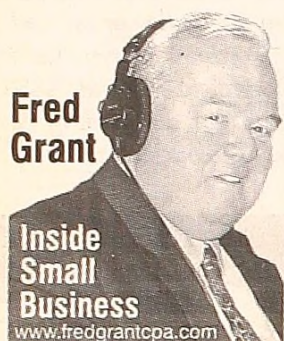
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April 1 could be an important deadline for you



Retirement accounts grow tax-deferred until you need the funds. However, in most cases your money cannot remain in these accounts forever. The IRS has rules that dictate when and how much you must withdraw from your retirement accounts. The amount you must withdraw each year is

called your required minimum distribution (RMD).

You can withdraw more than the required minimum distribution from your retirement accounts, but if you fail to take at least the required minimum on time, you face a severe 50% penalty.

These rules apply to traditional IRAs and qualified retirement plans, such as Keoghs, 401(k)s, SEPs, and SIMPLE plans. They also apply to 403(b)s, 457 plans, and qualified annuity plans. The rules do not apply to Roth IRAs during the owner's lifetime.

In most cases, you must begin withdrawing money from your retirement accounts as follows:

- Your first withdrawal can either be taken in the year you turn age 70½, or it can be postponed until April 1 of the following year.

- Your second withdrawal must be taken by December 31 of the year after you turn 70½.

- In each subsequent year, you must withdraw at least the required minimum amount by December 31.

If you're still working at age 70½ and you own less than 5% of the company you work for, you can wait until you retire to

begin taking distributions from qualified plans, such as 401(k)s. This exception does not apply to traditional IRAs.

Your retirement fund trustee must tell the IRS whether you are required to take a minimum distribution, so you need to be aware of the rules and the penalty for not complying. If you turned 70½ last year and still have not taken your first required distribution, do so by April 1 of this year. If you have questions or need assistance, give us a call @ 734-455-7040.

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Financially SPEAKING

Q - I'm already contributing to a 401(k). Why should I consider a Roth IRA as part of my retirement planning?

A - If you have a 401(k), make sure you contribute at least up to what your employer matches. Then consider that while money in a 401(k) grows tax deferred, it's subject to tax when you make a withdrawal, even at the age of 59 1/2. With a Roth IRA, your money grows tax-free, and you don't pay taxes on a qualified withdrawal. Also, your 401(k) limits you to the funds offered through your employer. With a Roth IRA, you're not tied to a specific fund family. Each option has a contribution limit and your personal situation will determine how much you can afford to contribute to either plan. We can help you decide among your options. All DFCU Financial Partners Financial Consultants through our broker-dealer CUSO Financial Services, L.P. (CFS) are Chartered Retirement Planning Counselors through the College of Financial Planning. They're located at each DFCU Financial branch and have the experience and all the necessary credentials to help you. For a complimentary consultation stop by or call us at 313.336.2700 or toll free at 888.336.2700 outside the local area. Or visit www.dfcufinancial.com.



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"I heard that wireless home networks are very very vulnerable to hackers and viruses."

Is it safe to have a wireless network in my home or at my business?"

Great question. Wireless networks can be just as secure and run just as fast if not faster than wired networks to a certain extent.

They are cheap to deploy, easy to setup, and if you're not worried about broadcasting your wireless signal all over your neighborhood, wireless networks can be an out of the box solution in most cases. However, broadcasting your wireless signal sets you up to be the person or company we all see on the news as being investigated for the latest virus that was released and caused millions of dollars in damage. Is that extreme and the odds of it happening to you low, sure, but make no mistake in thinking it couldn't or doesn't happen. What is more common though is that your neighbor, whose machine is loaded with viruses and worms, is sharing you connection and infecting all machines on your network, costing you dollars and downtime.

Most wireless devices utilize WEP (Wireless Encryption Privacy) which offers 128 bit encryption.

This provides initial security via secure authentication, but there are ways around that. Tools available via the Internet allow some wireless systems to be cracked and used for illegitimate use such as free internet access or a potential attack on a different network launched from the host's network. I've seen compromised systems being used as application servers serving up everything from spam to illicit material and the owner be none the wiser until we came over and gave them a free consultation and discovered the issue. Because of such tools, broadcasting past the walls of your building or home is not recommended, and the only way to prevent this is by implementing a RADIUS encryption server. For a company this would be the best solution, but for a home owner it can be expensive but by following the below guidelines you are much less likely to be the victim.

Limit your wireless device to allow access by authorized MAC address only. Even though this still isn't 100% secure since misguided individuals can spoof MAC address, it's better than not doing it.

- Limit available amount of DHCP address to hand out. This will allow you to see if someone is attached to your network and give you the ability to react.
- Make sure you set up WEP and write the number down and put it someplace safe! This is a must and should be made mandatory on all wireless devices.
- DO NOT BROADCAST YOUR SSID!!! If they have your SSID they half way own you.

To answer your question, yes they can be a safe but it takes a professional to make them safe secure and bulletproof.

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Understanding How BONDS Work

Bonds can satisfy a variety of investment needs, for instance, providing additional income and diversification in your portfolio. But do you know what you are buying when you purchase a bond or a bond mutual fund?

Governments and corporations must raise money to expand or to finance particular projects. These organizations sell bonds as a method of borrowing money. When you invest in a bond, you are lending money to its issuer. The bond is issued for a fixed period of time (maturity date) that can range from 13 weeks to 30 years. The issuer will make fixed-interest payments to you over the life of the bond, and will pay you the face value of the bond when it matures.

There are several types of bonds on the market. The most common are as follows:

U.S. Treasury bonds The federal government sells bonds to finance its debt. They are backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. government and are therefore regarded as the most conservative investments available.

Municipal bonds State and local governments might use the funds for the construction of schools, roads, and land conservation. The interest from municipal bonds is usually exempt from federal and state income tax. This tax-free status should be taken into consideration when comparing municipals to taxable investments.

GSE Government-sponsored enterprise securities are sold by government agencies like Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and Ginnie Mae. This money is used to fund loans for special borrowers such as farmers, homebuyers, and students.

Corporate bonds companies often need money to build or improve facilities, pay off old debt, to acquire other firms, or for other expansion purposes. Interest from corporate bonds is taxable at the state and federal levels. Corporate bonds usually pay higher interest rates than government bonds because there is a chance that the company could default on the bond. High-yield bonds, also called junk bonds, are corporate bonds that are issued by companies with below-investment-grade credit ratings.

If low interest rates have your income down, bonds could help you increase your cash flow. If you would like to know which type of bonds would be best for your situation, please call curt @ (734) 844-3400.



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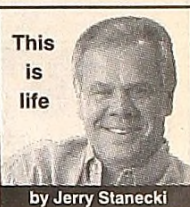
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Life - the way you live it makes the difference



It's rained since I arrived here in the city of angels after fleeing Michigan snow, cold and gray. The clouds hang low over the Hollywood Hills, too heavy to rise higher.

There is, however, a difference in the LA cold and gray. It's the songs of birds and flowering Birds of Paradise in almost every yard that offset the darkness. Banana trees, palms, dozens of species of flowers in spring bloom bring brightness.

It has rained more than 32 inches this season, more than double the normal amount for an entire year. In the last seven days, 9.14 inches of rain has fallen.

It is a fascinating time in our lives. The earth is quaking, the rains falling and waves violently rising.

Some wonder if this is God's revenge, or a warning of more dread to come. Others, like myself, accept it for what it is—a humbling show of an unrestrainable force greater than mere mortals.

A tsunami kills hundreds of thousands

in Asia. An earthquake in Iran takes hundreds, and nonstop rains here turn huge hills like into mud pushing million dollar homes into slides of annihilation.

And, through it all, we stand helpless to the forces of nature.

The sun returned today and people here, impatient with the forced slowed pace from the storms, raced once again to fast lane high-stress living.

This is a city of sounds, sirens mostly and helicopters. Choppers are everywhere in the air, day and night, police choppers, news choppers, rescue choppers.

This is LA, where in the midst of homes sliding down mountains and people dying, a 425-pound Bengal tiger falls victim to bullets from game and wildlife official guns in a field in Simi Valley. Why tranquilizer guns were not used is not a huge controversy.

This is Hollywood where nothing is a surprise.

Homes still teeter on mountain edges, a million-and-a-half pound boulder blocks the pacific coast highway in Malibu while authorities try and figure out what to do with it, and the studio cameras still roll, making movies that take us away from the misery of times like these.

This life is hell, a friend said to me, it has to be, he contends because where else could there be such good, and such terrible evil living side by side.

This is life, whether it is simply a passing experience on the way to the fourth dimension or heaven, or hell, it is what is. What we know, feel and taste.

With the evening comes a second breath. I walk outside and smile at a dark sky spotted with puffy white clouds. Then

I see it. A brilliant full moon rising in the eastern night sky. Tranquil and reassuring this moon, that after the storm, there is still a tomorrow to come.

Nothing stays the same. Our lives are constant change.

It's how we accept and handle the adversity that makes the difference.

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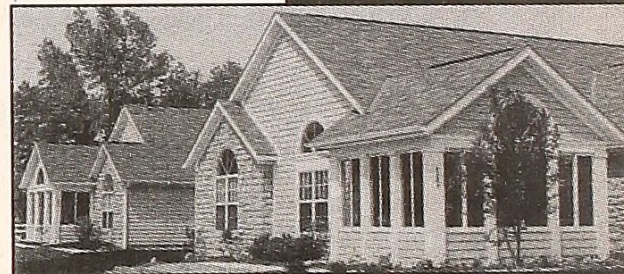
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1. Obituaries

BREHMER, Tonita M.
Age 55 of Belleville
Died Sunday March 27

MCFALLAR, Arthur J., Sr.
Arthur was born in Ellaville, Georgia on July 15, 1917. He was the firstborn son of Osie Will Lundy of Macon. The family acknowledges Mabel McFallar in her devotion to the upbringing of Arthur.

Arthur married Olivia V. Land on August 17, 1942. From this union, Anita Jean and Arthur Jr. were born.

Arthur served honorable in the US Army during WWII, seeing action in Europe with the Red Ball Express. His early training in brick masonry led to him working with many contractors, which ultimately led to his finishing his career with Ford Motor Company, from where he retired in 1981. Arthur and Olivia enjoyed their retirement years improving his golf game, bowling and traveling world wide. His great sense of humor always left a smile on all those who

knew him. Besides Arthur, Jr. and Anita Jean, Arthur is sadly missed by his larger family: grandson, Vincent McFallar and great-granddaughter Jolie of Chicago; granddaughter Olivia McFallar of Chicago; and son-in-law John Bankhead of Northern California. His siblings include the late Andrew Lundy of Detroit, Mary Wade and Lucille Clark of New York, Marie and her husband Dr. Cordell Wynn of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Geraldine Lundy of Macon, Georgia. A memorial service was held March 23 at St. Clement's Episcopal Church where he and Olivia were devoted and active members for over 50 years.

PITYLAK, Joseph D.
Age-46 of Belleville
Died March 24, 2005

SCHULZ, Irma M.
Age 74 of Canton
Died Friday, March 25

BARNES, Harold L.
Age 76 of Sumpter Township
Died Sunday March 27

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Friday, April 8 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Books, children's clothing, collectibles, electronics, furniture, housewares, jewelry, linens, outerwear and small appliances. Proceeds benefit youth programs.

59. Auctions

Notice of Public Sale. On Thursday, April 14, 2005 at 11:00 AM, at U-Store-It, 28266 Ecorse Road, Romulus, MI 48174

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On APRIL 5, 2005 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:am at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1997 Dodge Stratus 4Dr Red 1B3EJ46X3VN529386

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1990 Mercury Topaz 4Dr Brown 1MEPM36XXLK646016

1999 Ford Explorer StWgn Gray 1FMZU34E0XZB47648

1992 Mercury Sable 4Dr Gray 1MECM5349NG615687

1991 Pontiac Sunfire 2Dr White 1G2JB34K5M7614281

1988 Ford F-150 Pk Truck Gray 2FTEF15N2JCB33366

1987 Buick Regal 2Dr Blue 1G4GM11A0HP453811

1994 Chrysler Concorde 4Dr Silver 2C3EL56TXRH200912

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1993 Ford T-Bird 2Dr Green 1FAPP6249PH101858

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The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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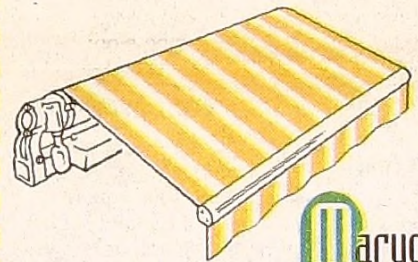
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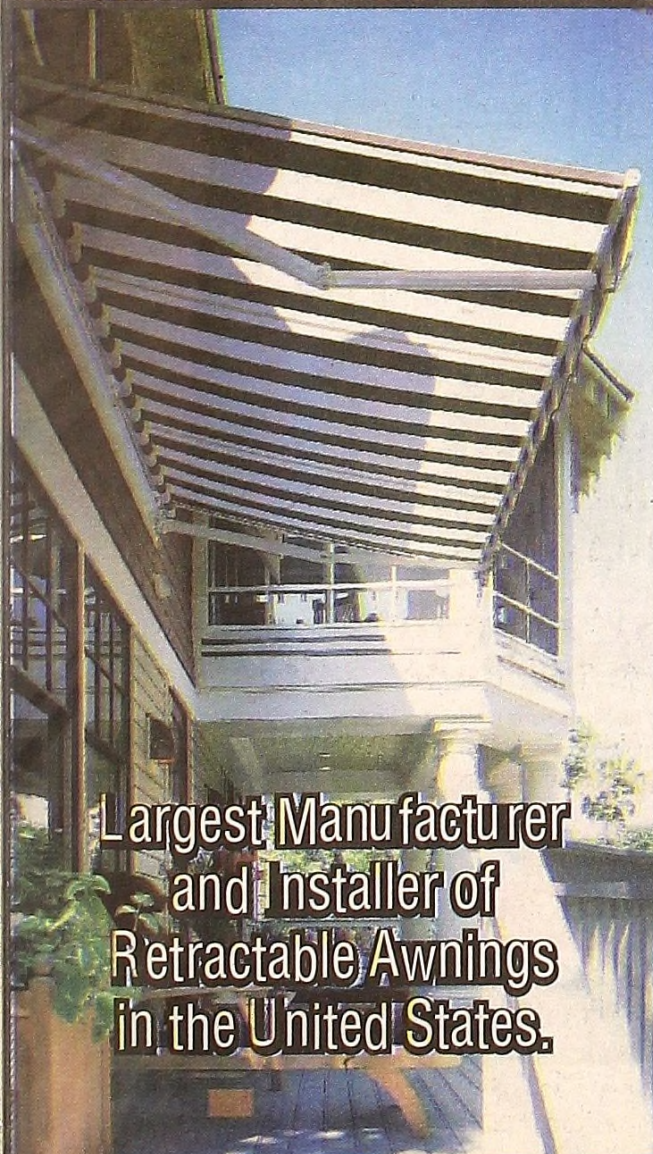
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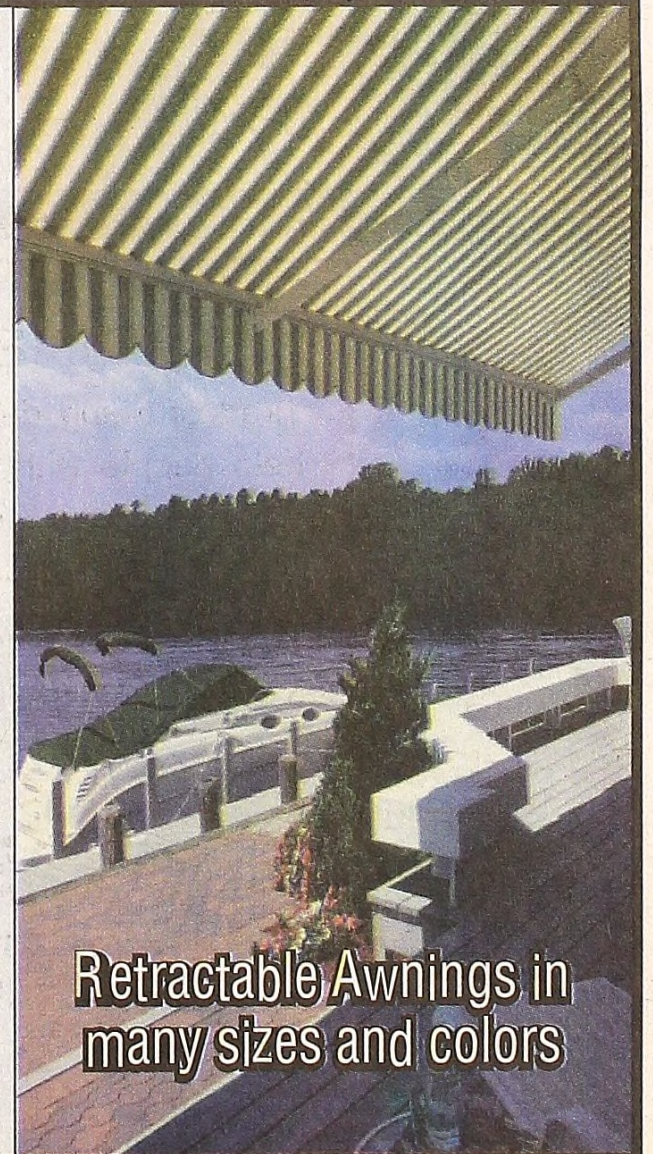
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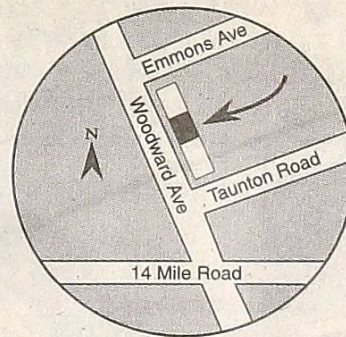
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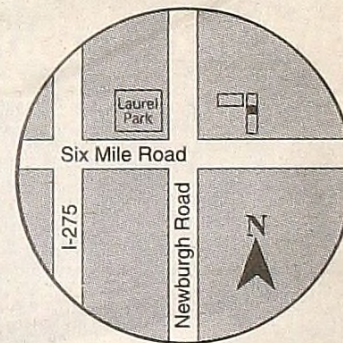


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